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“April Pools Day” Pool and Water Safety

April Pool's Day is no joke. It's part of a campaign being used by the Houston Fire Department in conjunction with the Greater Houston SafeKids Water Safety Committee, the Health Department, Save A Life Prevent and other related entities to focus attention on one of the leading causes of “accidental” death in children, five and under, in Texas.

“It is our way of attracting attention to the time of year when the majority of our Houston-are children drown,” said Deborah Spradlin, SAVE A LIFE – Prevent a Drowning (SAL-PAD) president.

Warmer weather means the swimming season is just around the corner. “Since the majority of submersions incidents occur during the 101 days of summer, the days from Memorial Day through Labor Day, we want parents to practice vigilance this year to keep their children safe from drowning,” said Dr. Paul Sirbaugh, emergency pediatrician, HFD-EMS and Texas Children's Hospital.

According to recent statistics, provided by SAL/PAD, the number of drownings in Houston have decreased in the past 10 years.